

SENATE BILL 1609

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, relative to general assembly license
plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-225, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) Subject to the requirements of § 55-4-201, the commissioner is authorized and shall issue a license plate to an owner or lessee of a motorcycle who is otherwise eligible for a general assembly member plate; provided, however, that the owner or lessee shall comply with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motorcycles and shall pay the regular fee applicable to motorcycles and the applicable fee specified in § 55-4-203 prior to the issuance of the plate.

(2) The motorcycle plates authorized by this section shall be substantially the same in design and configuration, allowing for variations due to size restrictions, as the regular motor vehicle registration plates authorized by § 55-4-202(a), as applicable.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-205(d), is amended by deleting the following language:

any new specialty earmarked, emergency, firefighter, national guard, memorial or military plate authorized for a motorcycle

and by substituting instead the following new language:

any new specialty earmarked, emergency, firefighter, national guard, general assembly, memorial or military plate authorized for a motorcycle

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-225(a), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the subsection:

The plates are approved for display on motor vehicles authorized by § 55-4-210(c) that are owned and operated or leased by a member.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-225(e), is amended by deleting the language “for additional automobiles owned” and by substituting instead the language “for additional motor vehicles authorized by § 55-4-210(c) that are owned or leased”.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.